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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN- LIBYAN UNION AND FRENCH MIRAGES

SUMMARY: EGYPTIAN EMBOFF SAYS MIRAGES HAVE NOT YET
BEEN TRANSFERRED TO EGYPT AND CITES SUCH TRANSFER
AMONG REASONS MANY EGYPTIANS CONTINUE TO FAVOR UNION
WITH LIBYA BY SEPTEMBER. END SUMMARY

1. DURING CALL ON US BY EGYPTIAN EMBOFF MAY 10 REPORTED
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SEPARATELY, WE ASKED FOR HIS ASSESSMENT OF CURRENT CHANCES EGYPTIAN- LIBYAN UNION BY SEPTEMBER. HE SAID QUESTION HAD BEEN PUT BY EGYPTIAN EMBASSY STAFF TO CHARGE AHMED UPON LATTER' S RECENT RETURN FROM TRIP HOME. AHMED GAVE CHANCES AS 50-50.

2. WHEN WE EXPRESSED SURPRISE, EGYPTIAN EMBOFF ASSURED US COMMITTEES HAVE NOT SLACKED THEIR PACE IN WORKING OUT MERGER DETAILS. QADHAFI REMAINS STRONGLY FOR MERGER, DESPITE OPPOSITION OF LOWER- RANKING LIBYANS. THERE IS ALSO CONSIDERABLE EGYPTIAN SUPPORT.

3. EMBOFF THEN CITED FOUR REASONS WHY MANY EGYPTIANS FAVOR MERGER:

- (A) OPPORTUNITY TO EMIGRATE TO LIBYA AND FIND WORK THERE;
- (B) OPPORTUNITY TO FARM ARABLE LAND LYING IDLE SINCE DISCOVERY OF OIL;
- (C) SHARE OF OIL REVENUES;
- (D) FRENCH MIRAGES.

4. WHEN WE COMMENTED WE THOUGHT MIRAGES ALREADY TRANSFERRED TO EGYPT,

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